

1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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3 An asphalt roofing composition is provided in the  
4 form of a roll or a shingle in which a hot mixture of an  
5 asphaltic base and filler is applied to a substrate form,  
6 wherein the composition also comprises an amount of  
7  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  (HL) in order to impart strength and durability  
8 to the composition. The composition contains HL between  
9 about 1-10%, and preferably between about 3-5%, of the  
10 total composition by weight. The filler can be fly ash,  
11  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ,  $\text{MgCO}_3$ ,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ,  $\text{MgCO}_3$ , or other suitable materials  
12 known in the art. In a typical embodiment of the  
13 invention, the HL is added directly to the asphaltic base  
14 of the composition either with the filler, or with filler  
15 added after mixing the asphalt and HL.